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- Bestavros et al. "Distributed Packet Rewriting and its Application to Scalable Server Architectures" Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Network Protocols 1998; IEEE October 13, 1998, pages 290-297.

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- US 6,370,584 B1 to Bestavros et al., published April 09, 2002.

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